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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Non-final Office Action mailed October 20, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Submitted concurrently herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time for reply pursuant to 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a) together with the fee prescribed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1847 referencing attorney docket no. 25040-031.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.